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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. Patent No. 4,824,073  
U.S. Patent No. 4,911,968  
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U.S. Patent No. 5,629,787  
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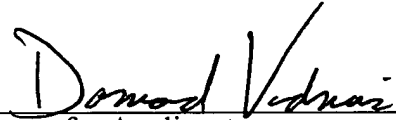
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All of the above documents were cited in parent Application No.10/099,960 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609.

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